

At the Regular Meeting of the Greenville County Board of Supervisors, held on Monday, November 5, 2012, with Closed Session beginning at 4:00 P.M., and Regular Session beginning at 6:00 P.M., at the Greenville County Government Building, 1781 Greenville County Circle, Emporia, Virginia.

Present        Michael W. Ferguson, Vice-Chairman  
                 James C. Vaughan  
                 Dr. Margaret T. Lee

Absent:        Peggy R. Wiley, Chairman

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Vice-Chairman Ferguson called the meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

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In Re: Closed Session

Mr. Whittington, County Administrator, stated that Staff recommended the Board go into Closed Session, Section 2.2-3711 (a) 1) Personnel, 5) Industrial Development and 7) Legal Matters.

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to go into Closed Session, as recommended by Staff. Voting aye: Supervisors Lee, Vaughan and Vice-Chairman Ferguson.

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In Re: Regular Session

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to go into Regular Session. Voting aye: Supervisors Lee, Vaughan and Vice-Chairman Ferguson.

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In Re: Certification of Closed Meeting – Resolution #13-63

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to adopt the following Resolution. A roll call vote was taken, as follows: Supervisor Lee, aye; Supervisor Vaughan, aye; and Vice-Chairman Ferguson, aye.

**RESOLUTION #13-63**  
**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING**

**WHEREAS**, the Greensville County Board of Supervisors has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provision of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Greensville County Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law:

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Greensville County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Greensville County Board of Supervisors.

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Vice-Chairman Ferguson recessed the meeting until the Conclusion of the Water and Sewer Authority Meeting.

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Vice-Chairman Ferguson reconvened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. and stated that Chairman Wiley was absent due to her husband's illness and asked everyone to keep him in prayer.

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In Re: Approval of Agenda

Mr. Whittington, County Administrator, stated that Staff recommended approval of the agenda with no added items.

Supervisor Vaughan moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to approve the Agenda as submitted. Voting aye: Supervisors Lee, Vaughan and Vice-Chairman Ferguson.

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In Re: Approval of Consent Agenda

Mr. Whittington stated that Staff recommended approval of the Consent Agenda.

Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to approve the Consent Agenda containing the following items. Voting aye: Supervisors Lee, Vaughan and Vice-Chairman Ferguson.

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Minutes from the Meeting of October 15, 2012.

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Budgetary Matters:

Budgetary Matters consisting of the following: Fund #001 – Journal Voucher #20, in the amount of \$8,335.00, Budget Amendment Resolution #13-64, in the amount of 1,877.36 and Budget Amendment Resolution #13-65, in the amount of \$21,045.75; Fund #012 - Budget Amendment Resolution #13-66, in the amount of \$1,279.48; Fund #013 - Budget Amendment Resolution #13-67, in the amount of \$58.00 and Fund #018 – Budget Amendment Resolution #13-68, in the amount of \$1,797.00, all of which are incorporated herein by reference.

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Warrants:

Approval of Accounts Payable for November 5, 2012, in the amount of \$386,994.00

Approval of Payroll for October 31, 2012, in the amount of \$359,390.95

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In Re: Citizens Comments

Mr. Whittington asked that anyone who wished to address the Board of Supervisors to come forward and state their name and address for the record.

Mrs. Stephanie Adams addressed the Board of Supervisors stating that she had not received any response from anyone regarding a sixteen year old boy working at the Community Center in Washington Park telling her grandson to drink and eat piss. She stated she felt that it should not be ignored.

Vice-Chairman Ferguson stated that the Board of Directors had been contacted and was told about the incident and that he was assured by the Board of Directors that they would investigate Ms. Adams' concern. He then asked if any of the Board of Director members had contacted her. Mrs. Adams stated no. Vice-Chairman Ferguson stated that he would make sure that someone contacted her this week.

Ms. Dorothy Callis addressed the Board of Supervisors stating that two of her granddaughters attended the Boys and Girls Club. She stated that if a teacher could deal with a child for eight hours, the workers should be able to deal with a child for three hours. She then stated that all the workers wanted to do was write them up and tell them that they could not come back for two to three days. Mrs. Callis also stated that when the program ended at six o'clock,

the kids did not get home until 7:00 from the Boys and Girls Club located at the Elementary School. She then stated that one day the kids were sitting in the parking lot of the Dollar Deal due to the bus being broke down and no transportation was available. Mrs. Callis stated that the workers did not need to be working at the club.

Vice-Chairman Ferguson asked if she had contacted the Directors of the Boys and Girls Club. Ms. Callis stated that it would not do any good. She then stated that another incident happened during the summer. She stated that Ms. Gray told her that her granddaughter was not ready to go to the Boys and Girls Club at five years old. Mrs. Callis also stated that she was told her granddaughter had bit a lady on the hand and when she asked to see the hand, no bite mark was visible. Mrs. Callis then stated that the workers got together and lied to put the child out of the club. She stated that if the workers did not want to deal with the kids, they should not be there and not receive any grant monies.

Mr. Lloyd Matthews addressed the Board of Supervisors stating that he had concerns over the collection of delinquent taxes. He stated that if he had to pay his taxes, everyone should be made to pay their taxes. Mr. Matthews stated that if a lock needed to be put on people cars to make them pay taxes, he would like for it to be done.

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#### In Re: Delinquent Local Levies on Real Estate and Personal Property List

Mrs. Pam Lifsey, Treasurer, addressed the Board stating that the list provided in their agenda package was previously presented at another meeting and Dr. Lee had requested that an updated list be provided pertaining to people who had paid their taxes since the first list made available August 2012. She then asked if the Board had any questions. Mrs. Lifsey stated that the names highlighted in yellow were the people who had paid and that numerous people had made payment arrangements. She then stated that the office had numerous tax liens that were collecting money.

Supervisor Lee asked what was the total of monies that had been collected. Mrs. Lifsey stated that she did not have a figure at this time but would get the information to her later.

Supervisor Lee asked what was the major approach towards collecting the taxes. Mrs. Lifsey stated tax and wage liens. She stated that a lot of people had made arrangements to pay monthly or weekly. Mrs. Lifsey stated that there were a lot of pre-payments this year amounting to over \$30,000 and that Staff would take payments towards taxes all year to help people pay their taxes. Mrs. Lifsey also stated that the office would work with people to get their taxes paid and that there was no set amount to pay towards your taxes if payment arrangements were made. She then stated that the only thing Staff had not done to collect taxes were booting cars and that she was willing to discuss that method with the Board of Supervisors. She also stated that the City of Emporia and Southampton County had been very successful with the booting program and that it was an option that she was willing to discuss with the Board, if interested. Mrs. Lifsey stated that there would also be a judicial sale this year in December for delinquent land owners.

Supervisor Lee asked that the Treasurer's Office continue to put forth every effort in collecting taxes and that an updated list continued to be made available to the Board.

Supervisor Vaughan asked if there were any County employees that did not pay their taxes. Mrs. Lifsey stated yes that there were some employees who had wage liens and some who made payment arrangements.

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In Re: Washington Park Community Development Program, Phases I, II and III

Mr. Moses Clements, Assistant Director of Public Works, addressed the Board stating that he was reporting on the Washington Park project because Staff had finished Phases I, II and III. He stated that approximately 50% of the Washington Park neighborhood encompassed five grant programs and that CDBG provided a majority of the funding for the projects in that community. Mr. Clements stated that the second reason he was reporting on the project was that the County Staff had come under some criticism recently for not providing benefit as stated in the last Southern Virginia Development Corporation meeting. He then stated that at the last SVDC meeting, it was stated publically that the County was required to improve 79 housing units in Washington Park. He also stated that the County did a review of the grant agreements, final close-out documents and review of the neighborhood of each house improved. Mr. Clements stated that Staff had fulfilled all its obligations and that through the grant program, Staff had improved 51 houses; 34 substantially reconstructed 17 rehabilitated, removed 11 dialect units and provided 28 homeownership opportunities. He stated that staff had provided more than required with more than 93% of the requirements under the housing activities. He then stated that in addition, Staff had done infrastructure improvements, installed approximately 300 ft. more of curb and gutter than required, almost 700 lf more sidewalk than required, about 700 lf of ditch work than required, 65 lf more in storm drainage and 27 extra ft. of roadway built. He also stated that in addition, the Community Center was proposed to be 2400 sq. ft. but was constructed as a 3500 sq. ft. facility. Mr. Clements stated that Staff's review conclusively demonstrated that the required grant benefit had been provided but not everyone was happy with the improvements. He stated that there were some homeowners in the area that had elected not to participate in the program and that Staff worked with other landowners that had inflated land values or properties that the SVDC would like to buy. He also stated that Staff had three members of the SVDC submit to the Board a Freedom of Information Act and not follow up on it. Mr. Clements stated that the Board had heard two separate citizens come forward tonight in complaint about the Community Facility; however, Staff had delivered the benefit required through the program. Mr. Clements then stated that out of all of the projects completed, there had not been a finding by DHCD. He then stated that it was approximately \$3.5 million worth of improvements in the neighborhood thus far. Mr. Clements stated that Staff was currently working on Phase IV and that Phase V was only in the planning stages and it was too early to know if anything would happen with Phase V. He then stated that Phase IV should be completed within another 20-22 months.

Supervisor Ferguson asked how many houses was involved in Phase IV. Mr. Clements stated that he thought it was a total of 12, if not mistaken, and that seven of those were proposed to be substantial reconstructions with six being homeownership; bringing a total of homeownerships to 34.

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In Re: VDOT Economic Development Access Grant Resolution #13-69

Mrs. Brenda Parson, Deputy County Administrator, stated that the resolution included in the agenda pack was regarding the funds that Greenville County had applied for in the amount of \$650,000 regarding property off of Otterdam Road, Route 614, in Greenville County. She stated that Staff was requesting approval of the following resolution and authorization that Mr. Whittington execute any and all documents necessary to secure the funding.

**RESOLUTION #13-69**  
**VDOT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ACCESS PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the Greenville County Board of Supervisors has acquired property located off of Otterdam Road, Route 614, in Greenville County, Virginia for the purpose of economic development within the Mid-Atlantic Advanced Manufacturing Center; and

**WHEREAS**, this property is expected to be the site of new private capital investment in land, building, and manufacturing equipment which will provide substantial employment and has been designated as a Major Employment and Investment site by the Virginia Economic Development Partnership; and

**WHEREAS**, the existing public road network does not provide for adequate access to this property and an access road improvement project is necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Greenville hereby guarantees that all ineligible project costs will be provided from sources other than those administered by the Virginia Department of Transportation.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Greenville County Board of Supervisors hereby requests that the Commonwealth Transportation Board provide Economic Development Access Program funding for the design of an adequate road to the MAMaC property; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The County Administrator and/or his designee(s) be authorized to act on behalf of the Greenville County Board of Supervisors to execute any and all documents necessary to secure the funding sought through the Economic Development Access Program up to, but not exceeding, \$650,000 state funds; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:** The Greenville County Board of Supervisors hereby agrees to provide a surety or bond, acceptable to and payable to the Virginia Department

of Transportation, in the amount of the estimated cost of the design of the access road, prior to VDOT's authorization of Economic Development Access funds.

Supervisor Vaughan moved, seconded by Supervisor Lee, to approve Resolution #13-69 and authorization that Mr. Whittington executes any and all documents associated with the project. Voting aye: Supervisor Lee, Vaughan and Vice-Chairman Ferguson.

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In Re: Miscellaneous Matters

Various Departmental Reports and Staff Work Programs were prepared for the Board's review and comments.

Vice-Chairman Ferguson asked if anyone had any questions. There were none.

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In Re: Adjournment

With there being no further business, Supervisor Lee moved, seconded by Supervisor Vaughan, to adjourn the meeting. Voting aye: Supervisors Lee, Vaughan and Vice-Chairman Ferguson.

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Michael W. Ferguson, Vice-Chairman

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K. David Whittington, Clerk